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Utah State Planning & Budget
Attn: Carolyn Wright
116 State Capitol
Salt Lake City, UT 84114

Dear Dear Ms. Wright:

The Duchesne Ranger District of the Ashley National Forest has received a Plan of Operations for proposed mining activity on National Forest System lands.

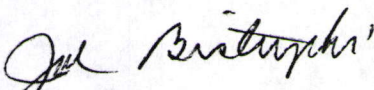
The proposed operation would be located in Section 28, T.2N., R.8W., USM. Access would be by existing roads and no new roads would be required. The proposed activities would consist of extracting up to 3000 tons of material each year. An excavator (trackhoe) would be used to extract and load the material and one or two dump trucks to haul the material to a site near Hanna, Utah. A small drill may be needed to help fracture the material. Drilling would be limited to a depth of 20 feet.

If approved, the operation would be permitted for a 5 year period. After time, the operation would be re-evaluated. The total area disturbed during the 5 year period would be less than 4 acres. With concurrent reclamation the area of disturbance within a given year would be less than 1 acre. The disturbed area would be partially recontoured and revegetated. A reclamation bond would be required for the duration of the project.

The Duchesne Ranger District is soliciting comments on the above proposal. Written comments will be received through March 25, 1998. Comments should be sent to: Joseph R. Bistryski, District Ranger, Duchesne Ranger District, P.O. Box 981, Duchesne, UT. 84021.

Additional information may be obtained at the Duchesne Ranger District Office, 85 West Main, Duchesne, Ut. 84021. (435) 738-2482.

Sincerely,


JOSEPH R. BISTRYSKI
District Ranger



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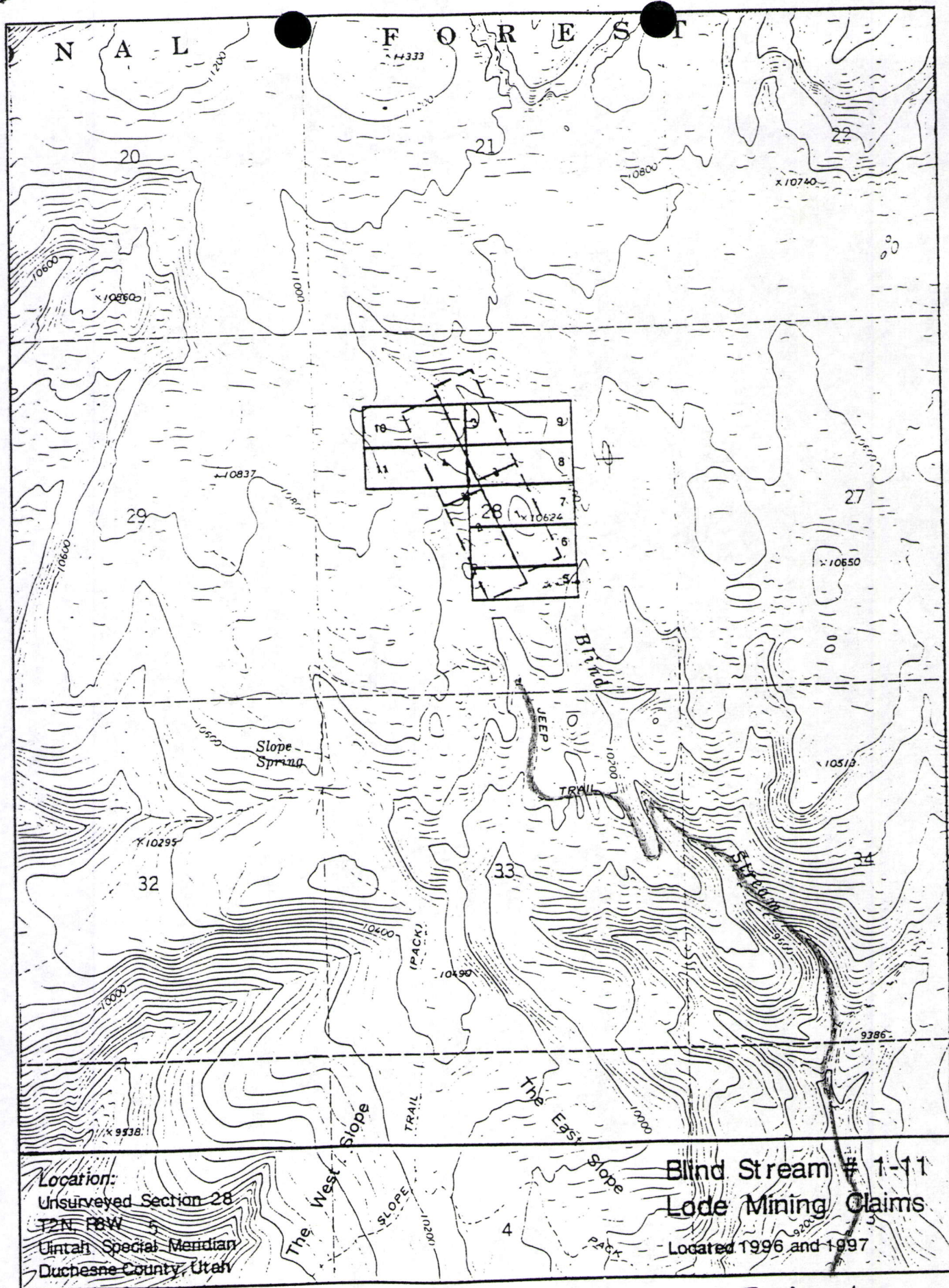


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